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At Minnesota Street, a CalTrans crew excavates the base of a column supporting the overpass that crosses I-280 at 20th Street. The overpass will be closed to vehicular traffic for two or three months while seismic retrofitting work is done.

Vas Arnoutoff photo

Seismic Retrofit Work Closes 20th St. Overpass

Seismic retrofitting work on the 20th St. overpass over Interstate 280 will keep the overpass closed for the next two or three months, according to Nader Eshghipour, resident engineer for Caltrans.

The work being done is a part of a \$60 million retrofitting project on I-280 extending from China Basin south and expected to take 18 months.

At 20th and Minnesota Streets underneath the overpass, the earth around the bases of a number of the supporting

columns is being excavated. The excavation, 20 feet by 30 feet by seven feet deep, will then be filled with concrete, according to Frank Clarke, a Caltrans representative at the site. At 150 pounds per cubic foot, the 20th and Minnesota column will be bolstered by almost 400 tons of concrete at its base.

The related closure of some of the lanes of the 18th St. overpass from Pennsylvania to Minnesota Streets is part of the ongoing project.

—V.A.

More Demolition Work In General Hospital Area

By Vas Arnoutoff

Additional demolition work in the vicinity of San Francisco General Hospital is slated to begin at Potrero View press time.

Work has already begun at the site of the new SFGH parking garage (23rd, 24th, San Bruno and Utah Streets), and neighbors of that project were brought up to date at the latest hospital community meeting Feb. 15, on the developments regarding the south half of the block bordered by 23rd, 24th, Utah and Potrero.

Owners of that property, the Gladstone Foundation, having abandoned plans to build a medical research facility on the site, have put the property up for sale and will demolish some buildings there which were damaged in this winter's storms.

Richard Hille of the Gladstone Foundation recounted that group's history and involvement with the property.

The foundation was established at the bequest of J. David Gladstone, a Southern California contractor, who stipulated that at his death, his fortune would be used to establish facilities for medical research. A group of three trustees oversees the disbursement of funds and the foundation established a relationship with SFGH and the University of California, San Francisco.

It has 156 employees and occupies 100,000 square feet of research space, where AIDS and cardiovascular research is done. In 1991 the Gladstone Virology Laboratory was established at SFGH.

About eight years ago, Hille explained, the institution decided it needed space for another, separate facility and purchased 100,000 square feet of the block bordered by 23rd, 24th, Utah and Potrero. Unsuccessful

in getting permits for a new facility, the foundation decided to sell the property.

In the meantime the winter storms took their toll, and the roof of the restaurant on the Potrero side of the property collapsed. Fearing structural damage to other buildings, Gladstone representatives decided that the former liquor store on the corner of 24th and Potrero and the adjacent restaurant should all be taken down. Cleveland Wrecking Company is to do the demolition.

40th Annual Hill Art Show April 1

Potrero Hill artists will celebrate the opening of the 40th Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition on Saturday, April 1, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

A reception honoring the artists will feature refreshments, and negotiations are now under way to secure a dance band.

In addition to adult works, there will be work by children on display in the Children's Room.

For information about the adult show, contact John Connolly at 824-5936; the children's show—Elizabeth Moore at 824-8149; to help with refreshments, call Marion Norbert at 550-1170.

The exhibition is unjuried. Artists who live or work on Potrero Hill may show two works. Paintings, prints, etc., must be prepared with wire. Attach your name, the title, and medium to each piece. To be shown, work must be delivered to the library, ready for hanging, by 5 p.m., Tuesday, March 21. Work must be on display for the full run of the show.



Now you see them; now you don't. The two buildings on the corner of 24th and Potrero didn't wait for the Potrero View announcement of their imminent demolition (see above). Gone are the former liquor store and the restaurant next door, victims of the January rain storms.

LIGHTS, CAMERA AND CHAOS

Potrero Hill was being taken over by the moviemakers as March began: For one neighbor's frustrating experience, read LETTERS, page 2.

Strike Three!

Let no one be mistaken: We do not confuse major league baseball players with members of the Industrial Workers of the World. We know that multi-million dollar salaries do not proletarians make. But we also think that certain principles that define the real meaning of the word 'union' are just as important whether one is talking about often inexplicable baseball players and their intransigent management, or whether one is supporting minimum wage workers.

Over the years, San Francisco has had a reputation as a union town. Realistically, the meaning of that reputation has changed over the years, but whatever form it assumes, the principle is a crucial one. If the City and County of San Francisco allows the San Francisco Giants to field a team of scabs, which they will try to call "replacement players," that principle will be seriously breached. Many San Franciscans have indicated that if such a team is fielded, they will simply not pay their money to see the phony article. But many others, in addition, see that it would be a clear violation of the city's principles for a team of scabs to play in a city facility.

Several members of the Board of Supervisors have introduced a resolution prohibiting the City from allowing the Giants to field a team of scabs at Candlestick Park. We on *The Potrero View* strongly support such a resolution. If Detroit Tigers manager Sparky Anderson can refuse to manage a team of "replacements," and if the Baltimore Orioles can refuse even to field a team until the strike is settled, we can expect no less of a city with San Francisco's proud labor legacy than that they stand on principle this time around.

The last time we heard, by the way, Mayor Frank Jordan was saying he wasn't taking sides on this issue. Perhaps it's time the mayor, who has become the darling of certain unions as election time approaches, realized that if the baseball strike continues, he's going to have to answer the big question sooner or later: "Which side are you on?"

GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (March 2) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The March meeting featured "Alcoholic Beverages & Control. . . The Law & Responsibility. . ." Watch for next month's meeting on April 6. Meetings are held in the Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Ave. at Phelps St., from 7-8:30 p.m.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month, (March 13) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center, 1050 Wisconsin St., are open to the public.

Potrero Hill Parents Assn. meets on the second Tuesday (March 14) at The Connecticut Yankee, 17th & Connecticut Streets at 6:30 p.m. Discussion of the evening's topic, "Television & Children" will begin at 7:30 p.m., led by guest speaker, Christine Fowler.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (March 14) at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St., 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker Martha Whetstone, Northern California Regional Director for the Democratic National Committee, will lead discussion of issues current now and thru 1996.

Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) meets the third Wednesday of each month (March 15) at 7:30 p.m. This month's meeting will be in the Jackson Park Rec center, Mariposa & Arkansas Streets. On the agenda: Nominations for the executive committee.

SFGH (S.F. General Hospital) Community Meeting will take place on Thursday, March 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Carr Auditorium, 22nd and San Bruno Streets. Topic for discussion: "The Changing Economic Climate for Health Care — what does it mean for San Francisco? What does it mean for me?"

Potrero Hill Boosters and Merchants meet the last Tuesday of the month (March 28) at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Library meeting room, 1616 20th St.

Friends of McKinley Square is moving its meetings. For new location call Joan Anthony, 821-7279. Interested persons are urged to come and support the already approved Square renovation plans, in the face of new threats arising from a growing budget shortfall.



Car Stunts?

Editor:

I am a house-broken and mostly domesticated resident of the Hill, having lived here since Spring, 1960.

On Monday, Feb. 20, a representative of Paramount Pictures rang doorbells and leafleted Southern Heights, 22nd, and Carolina Streets with an announcement that these streets would be closed to traffic and parking the following Monday for filming of "car stunts." The next day another representative appeared to inform my neighbors and me that restrictions would apply for an additional day and perhaps through the week of February 27 - March 3. Paramount was arranging alternative parking and "valet service."

Astonished that we could be denied ready access to our homes at such short

notice, I called Paramount and then City Hall, where after three referrals I reached the Film and Video Arts Commission (554-6243). The respondent there said someone would call me back. Someone did not do so.

Two of my neighbors have health problems that require transportation to and from clinics, but their needs should not interfere with filming, right? And neighborhood folk should not be consulted—wrong! And if cars are off the streets and no one seems to be at home, what about the evident invitation to burglars?

What do we do in future to insure our participation in decisions about our neighborhood?

I am trying to think up my own car stunt.

Ruth Sutter
Carolina Street

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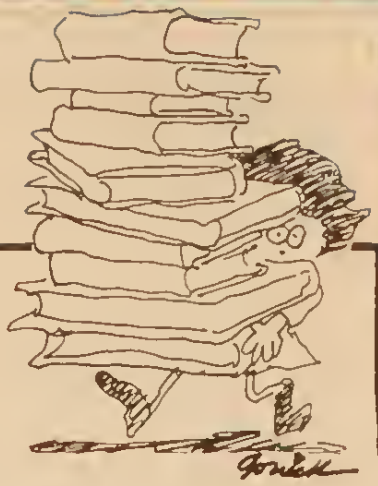
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LIBRARY NEWS

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

With the publication of books like "The Bell Curve," the murder of staff at women's health clinics, and challenges to affirmative action vis the state legislatures, Women's History Month is a time to remember that one must use or lose the ground conquered in two waves of activism by women and men who favored emancipation. Events at the Potrero Library will offer an opportunity to explore the world of women; today, in this century, and in the last.

XINGU!

What is Xingu? Join us on Saturday, March 25, at 2 p.m. to find out. Word for Word Performing Arts Company returns to the Potrero Library with a Victorian comedy of manners that captures the humor of the first wave of feminism. Last performed at the Bayfront Theater, the seven women actresses who perform this satirical short story by Edith Wharton do it splendidly. Come early. We expect an SRO turnout.

THE HEARING OF THE GREEN

On Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m., Celtic music will be performed by Bill and Lorraine Theobald. This is a performance for all ages that won kudos from patrons at the Marina Library branch. It's a fine way to honor St. Patrick.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant-Toddler Lapsits are Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. (except March 2.) Pre-school Story Times are Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (except March 1 and 22.) The video "Someone's in the Kitchen with Jamie" will be shown on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m.

HASTA LA PROXIMA

We will be in Mexico City from February 28-March 4, attending a book fair there, and hoping to learn more about the current political, social, and economic crisis that is in the news these days. Introduce yourself to Julio Medina, who will be the librarian during that week.

HURTS US AS MUCH AS IT HURTS YOU DEPT.

When the new expanded hours are in place, Julio will join our staff as Adult Reference Librarian. We shrink from venturing a guess as to when that schedule will go into effect — since all of our guesses to date have fallen short of the mark. The pace of this project seems to be set by those who disburse the funds for the City and County of San Francisco.

THANK YOU, MAVOURNINS

Many thanks to The Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and to Annie and Richard Katz for their help in bringing Word for Word back to the Potrero Branch this Spring.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

* Lee, Chang-Rae. "Native Speaker." In quiet, rich tones, Korean-American Henry Park, the narrator of this debut novel, speaks about his estranged wife and his work. A serious, masterful, and wholly innovative twist on first-generation-American fiction.

* Morrow, Bradford. "Trinity Fields." Two sons of Los Alamos engineers react differently to the Vietnam War. This ambitious treatment of war and peace received starred reviews from "Kirkus" and "Publishers Weekly" magazines.

* Carson, Rachel. "Always, Rachel: Letters of Rachel Carson and Dorothy Freeman." A profusion of artful letters by the author of "Silent Spring." Darting, fresh, and sensuous.

* Bair, Deirdre. "Anais Nin: a Biography." Compelling.

* Cameron, Marcia. "Broken Child." This account of multiple personality, disorder and child abuse is intensely moving, exhausting and powerful. Through six years with San Francisco psychiatrist Ira Steinman, the patient, integrated many of her personalities and continues to heal.

* Boyd, Herb, and Robert L. Allen, eds. "Brotherman: The Odyssey of Black Men in America." Anthology of cultural, historical, psychological, and familial experiences.

* Kunkel, Thomas. "Genius in Disguise: Harold Ross of the New Yorker." A thoroughly classy profile of the famously demanding founder and editor of the "New Yorker."

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

* Anderson, Peter. "Giraffe."

* King-Smith, Dick. "Three Terrible Trins."

* Stoeke, Janet Morgan. "A Hat for Minerva Louise."

* Bridgman, Roger. "Electronics."

* Cech, John. "Jacques-Henri Lartigue: Boy with a Camera."

* Veglahn, Nancy. "Women Scientists."

Toba Singer
Branch Librarian

TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

TANKS ON WAY OUT:

Then-Assemblyman Art Agnos officially began dismantling P.G.&E.'s huge natural gas holding tank at Army and Evans Streets. It was the culmination of a 12-year struggle for removal of what Agnos, then a Potrero Hill resident, called "an enormous blight, grossly out of proportion with all existing structures in the community." At the ceremony, P.G.&E. Regional Manager Owen Davis announced plans to remove a second tank at Pennsylvania and 25th Streets within five years.

23rd STREET BUILDING PLANS OPPOSED:

Neighbors of a planned residential-commercial development at 23rd and Wisconsin Streets protested in a letter to the City Planning Commission. Their primary objection was to plans for a retail outlet, possibly a "7-11" store, to be a part of the development. The letter, signed by 50 opponents of the plan, cited fears of "congestion litter and vandalism" if a store selling alcoholic beverages were built there. The developer pointed out that such a store had been on the site "for years."

GOOD LIFE WINS LEASE EXTENSION:

A three-month sometimes bitter series of negotiations between the Good Life Grocery and their new landlords, the Potrero Group, ended in a lease extension that allowed the store to remain at its 18th Street location until Sept. 1, 1985. This allowed store owners Kayren Hudiburgh and Lester Zeidman time to arrange relocation of the grocery. One possible site being eyed at that time was a building being remodeled at Rhode Island and Mariposa Streets.

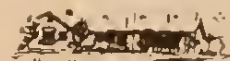
CITY TO BE MAJOR MISSION BAY PLANNER:

In a major new development affecting Santa Fe Pacific's massive Mission Bay project, it was revealed in February that the City — not the developer — would be doing most of the initial planning as the project once again went to the drawing board. The design firm of I.M. Pei would remain on the job but would be working with the Department of City Planning.

THIS AND THAT:

Potrero Hill's Sandra Swanson took first place in the fourth annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the San Francisco Alliance of Black Educators on Feb. 23, 1985 . . . Hill resident Moira Jackson was running for reelection as a Senior Senator in the California Senior Legislature . . . The experimental traffic circle at the intersection of Kansas, Eighth and Division Streets will become permanent, the City Department of Public Works announced . . . Potrero Hill public housing residents joined other City public housing tenants in voicing their concerns over mismanagement and bad conditions where they live to the Health and Safety Committee of the Board of Supervisors . . . The Dance Art Company moved into studio space at 18th and Minnesota Streets . . . According to an analysis of the Potrero Hill area prepared by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), we were higher than average in percentage of children, adults aged 25-54, Blacks (25%), and persons of Spanish origin (14%) . . . Garibaldi Cafe was offering a free happy birthday drink for those showing proof of a March birthdate . . . A "unique tri-level condo with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths" on De Haro Street was being offered at \$139,000.

— Vas Arnautoff



Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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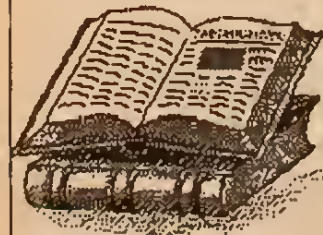
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If you are searching for a story that ran in the Potrero View a long time ago, take a look at the bound volumes at the Potrero Branch Library which contain every issue from the very first one in 1970 through December 1991. We will have more recent issues bound in the not-too-distant future, but in the meantime, check with the librarian who may have them on file.

Amid Medi-Cal / HMO Tangle

New Health Plan Okayed for Hill Clinic Patients

By Bernie Gershater

Last year the State Health Dept. reached the conclusion that expenses of care for medically indigent people could be provided at lower cost and with greater certainty if Medi-Cal recipients could be funneled into Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) instead of using stickers for fee-for-service. Foundation Health Plan (FHP) was the first HMO to be licensed by the State Department of Corporations to provide such services. Since it began marketing its program to Medi-Cal recipients, FHP has signed up about 7,000 new members.

FHP received a great deal of criticism for its recruiting tactics, particularly among Medi-Cal patients who were not fluent in English. A requirement of membership in FHP was receiving medical care at St. Luke's Hospital, or with providers connected with that hospital. For many Medi-Cal recipients this would mean giving up longstanding relationships with doctors and nurses at neighborhood medical centers, such as the Caleb Clark Clinic (Potrero Hill Health Center) on Wisconsin Street, and the San Francisco General Hospital.

FHP has now stopped door-to-door solicitation. Those who signed up with the

HMO without realizing that they would not be able to use the local health center have been released from that obligation. Some 40 patients at Caleb Clark and more at other city health centers, as well as about 400 at San Francisco General Hospital, have been assisted in disenrolling from FHP so they could continue to see the doctors who had been caring for them, in some cases for as long as 10 years.

By April 1996, all Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)-linked Medi-Cal patients will have to be in HMOs. The disabled, who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) have not yet been targeted for HMOs, but can continue to see fee-for-service providers. Approximately 100,000 people in San Francisco County receive Medi-Cal; about half are under AFDC.

PacificCare, an HMO which until now has had most of its base in Southern California, is now licensed and has entered into a contract with the San Francisco Health Department. Medi-Cal patients who sign up with PacificCare can continue to receive their medical care at the neighborhood health centers operated by the Health Department, and use the services of the primary care physicians and specialists at San Francisco General Hospital.

In order to become a PacificCare mem-

ber, one must have Medi-Cal benefits, live in the PacificCare Medi-Cal service area, and receive assistance in AFDC categories, such as Public Assistance, Medically Needy or Medically Indigent. Emphasizing preventive health care, PacificCare covers doctor's office visits and treatment, physical examinations and checkups, x-rays and laboratory tests, full prenatal care and full hospitalization during childbirth. Prescriptions from participating doctors may be taken to any of the major pharmacy chains.

Vision benefits include vision screening, lenses and frames and medically necessary eye care. Psychiatric services, which are almost impossible to find for Medi-Cal patients on a fee-for-service basis, will also be available.

The plan does not cover renal dialysis, major organ transplants, lab services for genetic disease testing, or services in "skilled nursing" or "intermediate care" facilities for more than one full month after admission. The plan will provide assistance in obtaining services not covered by the plan but available under Medi-Cal.

In San Francisco, the traditional providers of medical care under Medi-Cal

have been the San Francisco Department of Public Health, including SFGH and the neighborhood health centers, and St. Luke's Hospital. These two entities are the principal part of what is known as the Local Initiative. The State hopes to control costs by creating competition among the Local Initiative and the "mainstream" or commercial HMOs, such as FHP, PacificCare, HealthNet, and others. The City and County Department of Public Health is not yet licensed to be an HMO, although it may secure approval from the Dept. of Corporations by July, 1995. To prevent losing patients to the HMOs the Health Department entered into a contract with PacificCare after interviewing other HMOs and weighing the advantages and disadvantages of each.

The Potrero Hill Health Center and Health Center No. 3 are pilot sites for seeing Medi-Cal patients who are members of PacificCare. Instead of using Medicare stickers, they will have a PacificCare identification card. Primary care providers at the health centers and SFGH will act as gatekeepers, who must give the patient approval to see a specialist, or to receive special services such as acupuncture, hearing aids, psychiatric treatment, or home health care.

Participants in 1945 U.N. Conference Planning Sought by UN50 Committee

The UN50 Committee is asking Bay Area residents who participated in the United Nations Conference on International Organization here on April 25 - June 26, 1945 to please contact Julia Whitelaw at (415) 788-7788.

Although the world was still at war, all eyes were focused on the delegates and participating organizations who came to San Francisco to forge an agreement for peace. Fifty years later, the UN50 Committee, charged with

managing the two-month celebration, is looking for conference participants and/or observers who have memories regarding the UNCIO and/or any memorabilia from the event.

"With all that activity, we're sure there are many San Franciscans' with special memories of that most extraordinary time in our City's history," said UN50 Committee Chairman Sandy Tatum. "I hope that they will come forward and share their memories."



ST. TERESA'S ANNOUNCES

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March 11-12	THEME:	The role of the Church in bringing justice to our world through community organizing.
	HOMILIST:	Father Robert Moran brings to us his priestly experience of helping to empower lay people to work for social justice through community organizing.
March 18-19	THEME:	Women in the Church and call to Justice.
	HOMILIST:	Sister Kathleen Healy will share with us her vision of the role of women in a Church called to build the Kingdom of God today.
March 25-26	THEME:	Building the Kingdom of God in our families.
	HOMILIST:	St. Teresa's Children; Ed & Peg Gleason. The children will present to us in dramatic form the Gospel Story of a prodigal family. Ed & Peg Gleason, former Directors of Family Life for the Archdiocese will share their faith experience as a family.
April 1-2	THEME:	Building the Kingdom of God by bringing the care and healing of Christ.
	HOMILIST:	Father Edward Murray, brings to us his pastoral experience in caring for the sick and comforting bereaved families.

St. Teresa's cordially invites our neighbors on Potrero Hill to join with us in these Lenten Masses.

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Proposed Curfew Statute To Emphasize Counseling

By Michael Mattis

A new city-wide curfew ordinance, designed to keep teenagers indoors after dark, is being drafted at City Hall at the request of Mayor Frank Jordan.

The ordinance was discussed at last month's meeting of Residence of the South East Sector (R.O.S.E.S.), a community-police forum addressing problems of neighborhood safety and covering a number of areas, including Potrero Hill. According to R.O.S.E.S president Esther Blanchard, most at the meeting were in favor of the proposal, although, she said, some expressed fears that the law might be unfairly enforced against minority youth.

The proposed ordinance would apply to minors under the age of 17, and would be in effect between midnight and 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 p.m.-5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

According to a draft of the proposal, minors found outside between these hours without a legitimate purpose, would be taken to a central facility staffed by social workers and counselors, where they would be held until their parents or guardians could be notified.

Unlike San Francisco's current curfew law, which affects teens under 14 and treats curfew-breaking as a criminal offense, the proposed ordinance would, according to Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison Daniel Gray, detain minors

without bringing them into the juvenile justice system.

But one African-American student from Bayview, who asked to be identified only as Michelle, sees no need for another curfew law. "It's just one more reason to throw minority kids in jail," she said. "The law they have now is enforced in Bayview and Hunter's Point and Potrero Hill but not in other neighborhoods. Kids are all over Haight Street right now and nobody's busting them."

She believes that teens out after dark are there because their home-life is "less than ideal." She said, "young people are on the streets because they don't have a home to go to — they find a new one on the streets."

City officials disagree. "Unfair prosecution will not be tolerated by the mayor," said Community Services Assistant Jim Ross, speaking from the Mayor's Office. Ross emphasized that the ordinance would decriminalize curfew-breaking. "In no case will it go on anyone's record," he said.

According to Gray and Ross, teens picked up too often will be given counseling at the central facility to explore the causes of repeat offenses. "We don't want to exacerbate problems in anyone's home-life," said Ross.

The proposal is modeled after a similar San Jose ordinance that has been in effect for six months. The number of youths under 16 picked up for violent crimes during the curfew hours have dropped 13 percent, while violent crimes against youth are down 12 percent, according to Kevin Pursglove of the San Jose Mayor's Office.

Mayor Jordan's office hopes to put the proposal before the Board of Supervisors by the end of the month.



Subpoenaed by the House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) in 1953, Bill Bailey (above) defied the Committee by refusing to name names. His attorney, at right, was longtime Potrero Hill resident Doris Brin Walker.

Gathering Slated March 19 To Remember Bill Bailey

By Judy Baston

A gathering to remember the life of Bill Bailey — known to many on Potrero Hill and throughout the Bay Area as a legendary labor and radical activist — will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 19 at the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Local 10 Hall, 400 Northpoint St. San Francisco.

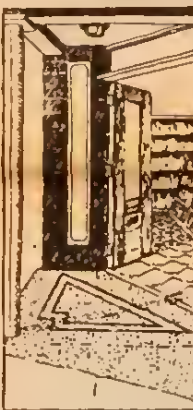
More than anyone in the San Francisco Bay Area, and perhaps even anyone today in the nation, Bailey provided a contemporary voice for the passions and actions of a generation of men and women who first fought for social change in the 1930s and, for many, continued fighting until the present. He was featured in documentary films such as "Seeing Red," a look back at the Communist Party, U.S.A., and "The Good Fight," in which Bailey and other veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade recalled their years fighting against Francisco Franco's fascist forces in the Spanish Civil War.

In his unmistakable gravelly voice, with

its echo of his New York Hell's Kitchen youth, and with his down-to-earth stories, Bailey helped both young and old to learn about and remember a unique time in American history. In his later years, after retirement from the San Francisco waterfront, Bailey spoke frequently to college audiences, led walking tours of San Francisco's historic piers, and in 1993, published an autobiography, "The Kid From Hoboken."

Bailey was an activist in many labor unions during his working years, and served as an officer of both the Marine Firemen's Union and ILWU Local 10. On occasions when local media deemed it appropriate to remember the notion of the working class — Labor Day, or July 5, (memorialized as "Bloody Thursday") the day in 1934 on which the killing of two workers triggered the San Francisco General Strike — television reporters would invariably seek out Bailey. And he would give voice to the memories of his own generation, as well as his sense of wry perspective on the problems of today.

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Staff at Bank of America's Potrero Design Center Branch: Standing (l to r): Ted Douglas, loan specialist; Kent Grubaugh, branch manager; Stephen Drisdale, district business officer; seated (l to r): Flora Lucchese, customer service manager; Mark Vandegrift, investment specialist.

B of A Move to Sobel Bldg.to Feature ATM s, 'Service' People, No Tellers

The relocation of the Bank of America's Design Center Branch this month from Alameda and Rhode Island Streets to the nearby Sobel Building is certain to pose a challenge to the neighborhood's technological holdouts.

On March 27, the branch will open at the Sobel Building at 680 - 8th St., notes branch manager Kent Grubaugh. The interior of the branch will feature a customer service area with three Versa-teller ATMs, customer service telephones and a customer service specialist. An additional ATM is available 24 hours a day across the street from the branch at the San Francisco Fashion Center.

Although B of A's Richard Beebe told *The View* that the branch's employees

"will function as greeters to help customers get used to using the ATM," he admitted that there will no longer be any tellers at the bank. Customers who do not want to make withdrawals or deposits with an ATM must therefore go elsewhere.

Services for business customers, however will include a separate Business Banking Center with merchant teller services, as well as a night drop facility for after-hours deposits. District business officer Stephen Drisdale will continue to be available at the branch for appointments to discuss business financing needs. Validated parking is available in a lot off Division Street immediately behind the branch.

Chinese Medicine College Treating HIV Patients

By Jeff Wood

The American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine (ACTCM) on Potrero Hill at 20th and Connecticut Streets, and its associated HIV Clinic Program have been making news lately in the treatment of people with HIV. Last year ACTCM published an important study of the effectiveness of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), acupuncture and herbal therapies in treating symptoms associated with HIV infection. ACTCM was also chosen to cooperate in establishing a Center for Alternative Medicine in HIV/AIDS.

But ACTCM has always been at the fore of alternative treatment for people living with HIV. Along with several other San Francisco acupuncture clinics, it was first to contract with the federal government for the treatment of HIV.

The HIV Clinic Program at ACTCM started in 1992, funded by Federal Ryan White Title money from the San Francisco Department of Public Health AIDS Office. Since then, there have never been fewer than 100 people on the waiting list to receive services — a reflection of the program's success.

Though it is increasingly popular among all kinds of patients, TCM is commonly referred to as 'alternative' medicine, a term that makes little sense to Howard Joffett, director of the HIV Clinic Program at ACTCM. "In China and much of the world, it is not considered alternative medicine," Moffett says.

This kind of cultural bias has led to some conflict between practitioners of TCM and practitioners of Western medicine. One prime example, for ACTCM, is San Francisco General Hospital's (SFGH) policy prohibiting Clinic Program patients from receiving their regular acupuncture treatments from ACTCM staff after admission to the hospital.

Moffett and SFGH staff were negotiating issues surrounding treatment of patients admitted to the hospital until last October, when negotiations broke down. To date, Moffett says, there is no dialogue between the two parties, but he did add that the new Director of Health at SFGH has been more responsive than the last.

TCM, though, is starting to document the benefits of its treatment in language Western medicine understands: data, research and statistics.

Studies such as "Using Acupuncture and Herbs for the Treatment of HIV Infection: The American College of Traditional Medicine Experience," published in the periodical *AIDS Patient Care* last August, may help establish traditional Chinese medicine as a 'legitimate' medical treatment in the West. It is one of the first studies of the effectiveness of TCM in reducing the symptoms of patients with HIV to run in a mainstream publication.

The study authored by Moffett, Pat Sanders, Thomas Sinclair and Kevin Ergil of ACTCM, asserted that "the emerging profession of acupuncture warrants the attention of all health care providers."

It found that the results of TCM was that "patient-reported symptoms were reduced in both severity and number of symptoms." In particular, the three month study found patients noted a significant increase in social and physical functioning and health perception, with a decrease in perceived pain. Also noted in the study was that "a state of deep relaxation" produced as a result of acupuncture treatments was the most notable side effect of TCM treatment.

This kind of research may bring TCM closer to the mainstream, especially with such encouraging results. In many ways, the idea of Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) type preventive care, which as become popular of late as a way to manage health care costs, shares its philosophy with TCM: avoid disease by encouraging wellness.

More research is on the horizon for ACTCM, as it was named last October as a cooperating clinic with Bastyr University of Seattle to establish a Center for Alternative Medicine Research in HIV/AIDS therapies from the field of alternative medicine, according to Moffett.

Ultimately, TCM may have to be recognised as a significant form of medicine by the Western Medical Establishment. If so, it will be due in part to the work of the Hill's own ACTCM.

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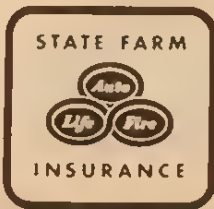
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Potrero Hill resident William Wareham is one of two sculptors whose work is on display in the Sculpture Courtyard of the Contract Design Center, 600 Townsend St., between 7th and 8th Sts. Wareham's two-and-a-half ton "Buckeye," a colorful red, yellow and black painted steel construction, shares the exhibit with Bruce Johnson's four-and-a-half ton "Maya." The free outdoor exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday between 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

A free program about stroke — how to recognize its warning signs and how to reduce its risk — will be offered by the UCSF Stroke Service and the UCSF/Mount Zion Center on Aging Saturday, March 18 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on the UCSF Campus. Registration deadline is March 10. To register, or for more information, call 750-4109.

Get your copy of the Valentine's Day issue of the Potrero Hill Middle School Times. Headlined "Teachers Tell All!?" the front page article asks the school's 8th grade teachers to describe their first love and to define 'love.' And, amazingly, some of them do.

People interested in tracing and compiling their own family histories can get help through workshops, displays, books, computer software and genealogical organizations — all in one place — March 10 and 11 when the California Genealogical Society's Family History Fair takes place at the Fashion Center, 8th and Townsend Streets. For specific information on scheduling, and costs, call 777-9936.



Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut St. at 18th St. will be holding an Artist's Opening Reception for Robert Grant Sunday, March 12, from 2-4 p.m. The reception marks the beginning of a show of Grant's paintings at Goat Hill. The public is invited to the March 12 event.

In preparation for the 50th anniversary this year of the liberation of Nazi concentration camps, a search has been launched for Northern California residents who served in American or allied military units during World War II and participated in the liberation of concentration camps. If you fit this description, or know anyone in the area who does, call the Jewish Community Relations Council at 415/957-1551, so the liberators may be honored in a special commemoration ceremony slated for April 30.

Take an over-the-hill surfer, his aging beach bunny wife and their simian house pet, and what do you get? A "delusional comedy about deception, dysfunction, dreams and death" called "The Dead Monkey." The play, by Nick Darke, is in its Northern California premiere from February 17 until March 11 at the Phoenix Theatre, 301 - 8th St., at Folsom. For schedules and more information, call 981-5353.

Dedication of Cesar Chavez Street will be held Friday, March 31 at St. Anthony's Church, Cesar Chavez (Army) and Folsom Streets with a 10 a.m. mass and ceremonial tree planting and street sign unveiling at 11 a.m. The next day, a community celebration of the street naming will begin at 9 a.m. with volunteers planting 99 trees, starting at Folsom and Cesar Chavez Streets, followed by a Procession and Street Blessing and ending with music and entertainment at 3 p.m. at La Raza Park, Cesar Chavez Street and Potrero Avenue. More info from the Celebration Coalition, 282-9984.

"Stop, Look, Listen to Me" is the title of a four-panel narrative ceramic tile mural now being created by South of Market teenagers aged 11-18. A mural celebration and public opening will take place Friday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m. at 518 Minna St., at 6th St. to honor the young people and showcase the murals. The murals were supported by the Neighborhood Beautification and Graffiti Clean-up Fund, as well as local businesses and other groups.

Lunchtime at UCSF: On Wednesday, March 15, Dr. Warner C. Greene, director of the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology at S.F. General Hospital, will speak on "AIDS in the 21st Century: Where We Are and Where We Need to Go." The session is from noon-1 p.m. in Room 300, Health Sciences West Building, 513 Parnassus Avenue. And on March 16, UCSF women's health care nurse practitioner Janis Luft will talk about what women need to know about sexuality, heart disease, breast cancer and menopause. This free discussion takes place from noon-1 p.m. in Room 125, Mission Center, 1855 Folsom St.

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On March 18-19 at the Concourse at 8th and Brannan Sts., collectors of vintage clothing, textiles, jewelry and accessories from the 1850s through the 1970s can look through the wares of more than 100 dealers from throughout the country. This event, which carries a tab of \$5, runs from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Fans of performer Josh Kornbluth, creator of such works as "Red Diaper Baby" and "Haiku Tunnel," can watch him develop his new monologue at the Marsh, 1062 Valencia St., during the next two months, on Tuesdays March 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Wednesdays April 5, 19 and 26, all at 8:30. At the Marsh on Wednesdays March 8, 22 and 29, also at 8:30 p.m., are Liz White and Friends with what they describe as their "screwball situational sketch comedy that makes a mockery out of hypocrisy." And San Francisco Mime Troupe's Second Stage presents "TV Dinner," a musical comedy thriller for kids, on Sundays March 12, April 2 and April 9, with matinees at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., and workshops from 2:30-3:30. Except for the matinees, which cost between \$4-6, performances of all three shows range from \$8-12. Call 826-5750 for reservations and information.

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Questions of Trust, Loyalty Posed in M.E.T.'s "Fences"

By Winifred Mann

August Wilson's "Fences," a moving, funny and thought-provoking slice of American family life in a bygone time and place, brought the packed preview audience to its feet in exuberant appreciation. A production of Multi Ethnic Theatre (MET), directed by Lewis Campbell at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, "Fences" performances continue through March.

Written in 1985, "Fences" takes us back to 1957: a time when the American descendants of African slaves — lured by the promise of jobs for all in the burgeoning industrial centers of the post-W.W.II North; a time when the coming civil rights eruptions of the sixties were only bubbling slowly under the surface. Finding the reality something less than the dream, the new immigrants none the less managed to survive in whatever small niches they could carve out for themselves.

The able cast assembled by director Campbell is headed by Julius Varnado as Troy Maxon, head of the family. A middle-aged former Negro Leagues baseball star who never got over having been too old when the game finally began to be integrated, Maxon is now a garbage collector. His disappointment has long since turned to anger and vengefulness. Neither his neat little house, his loving wife, two sons who would like to love him, but can never even win his approval, nor the acceptance of his ever-loyal friend Bono — none of these has the power to assuage his rage. In Maxon, Wilson has created a character with the complexity, the conflicting passions, the stubborn willfulness—almost of a King Lear. Unlike Lear, however, Maxon is gifted with the story-telling skill of

his shaman African forbears, along with the earthy wit and humor of some modern day rap artists.

It was noteworthy to observe that the large contingent of teenagers in the audience had no difficulty relating to the play, set in a time and place far removed from their own. Clearly Wilson's broad perspective and deep perceptions can bridge the gap of time — as well as of age, gender and color, raising questions as he does, of the meaning of trust, of loyalty, and how to reconcile one's own needs with conflicting ones of family and community. And the function of fences? To keep people in — or out?



Jim Bono (Ronald Hatter) warns his best friend, Troy (Julius Varnado) of the possibly disastrous consequences of Troy's wrong-headed behavior. "Fences" by August Wilson, opened last month at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Multi Ethnic Theatre, 953 DeHaro St., and continues on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m. through March 31. Reservations advisable; student/group discounts may be available. Call (415) 550-8160.



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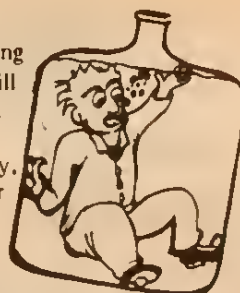
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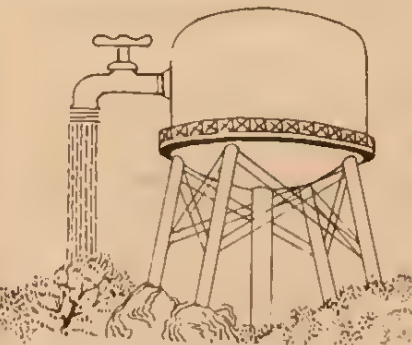
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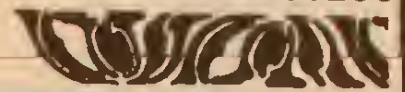
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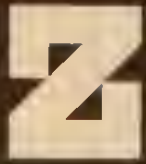
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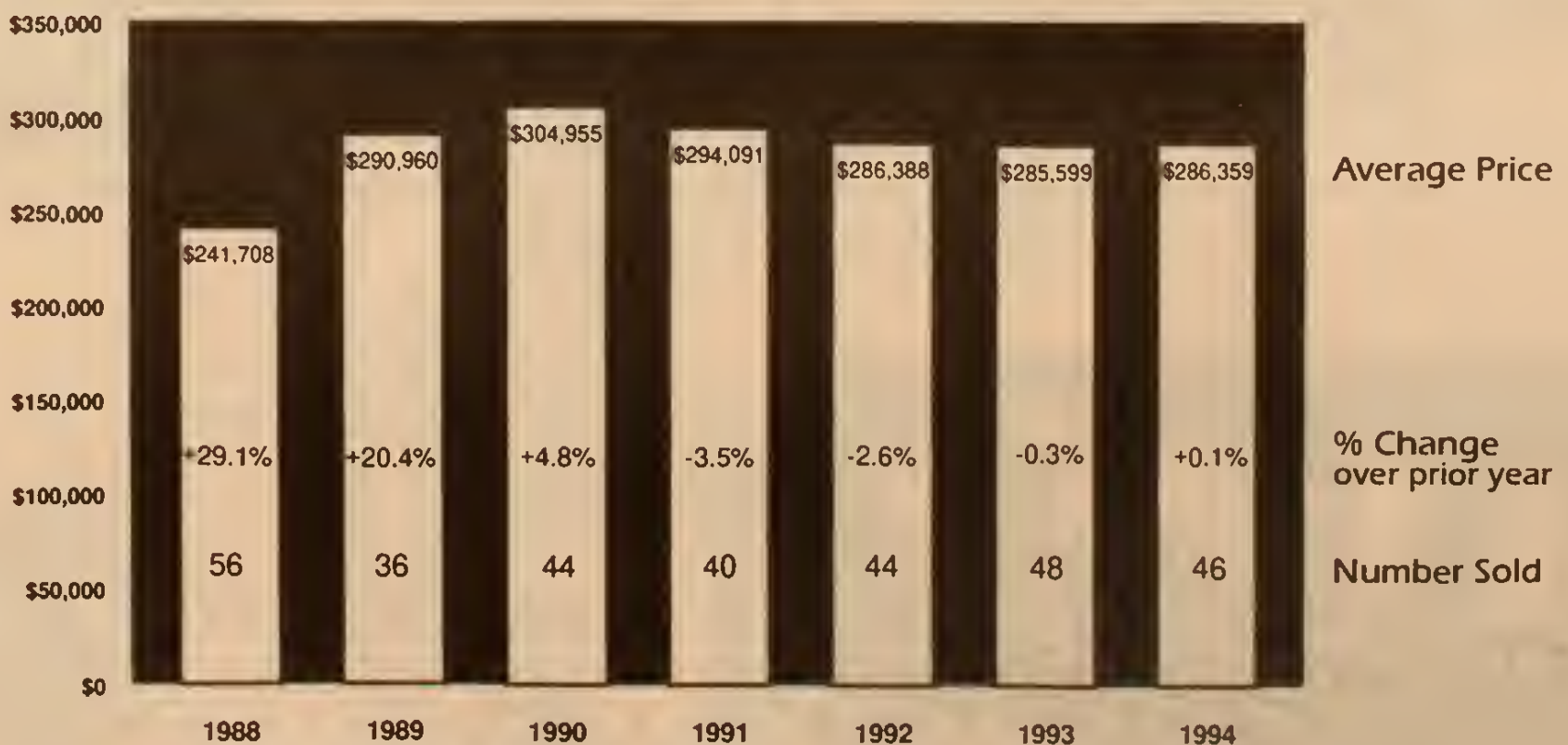
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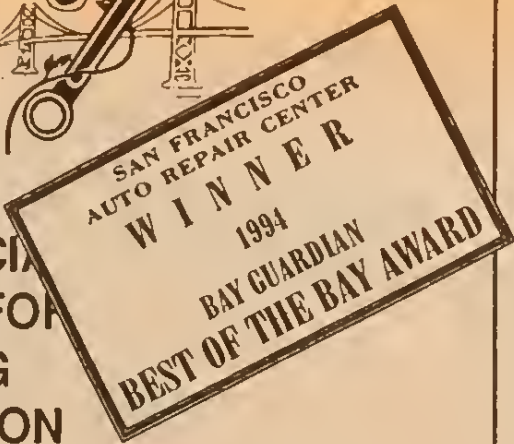
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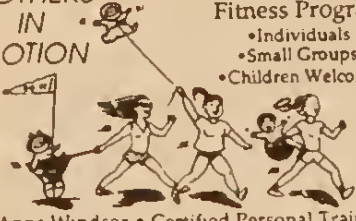

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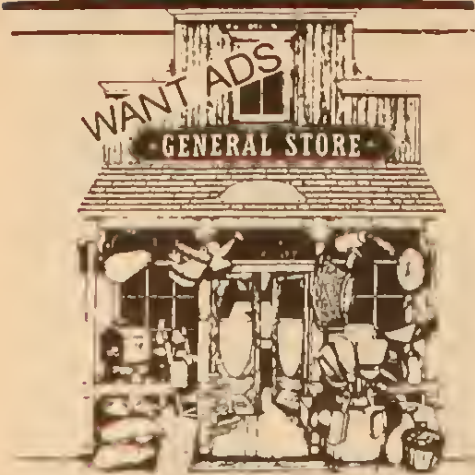
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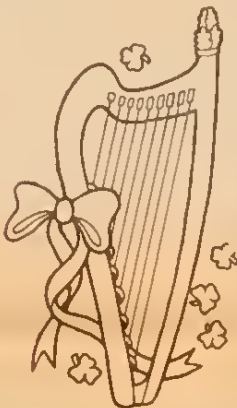
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